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REMARKS

The Office Action of September 14, 2005, has been carefully reviewed, and in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the above Office Action, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowability for claims 9-13, which were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In order to further the prosecution of the present application, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 9, and claim 9 and thus been cancelled.

Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 19.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 20.

Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 21, with dependent claim 22 corresponding to original claim 13.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited.

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Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application; the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicant regarding the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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